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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST LABOR INITIATIVES: MEDITERRANEAN

- 1. A MEDITERRANEAN-AREA MEETING OF METAL WORKER UNIONS IS SCHEDULED FOR ROME FEBRUARY 20 TO 22, LABOR OFFICIALS HERE REPORT.
- 2. THE MEETING IS BEING CALLED BY A GROUP OF UNIONS FROM YUGOSLAVIA, EGYPT, ALGERIA, FRANCE (CGT AND CFDT), AND ITALY (CGIL, CISL, AND UIL) TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF MIGRANT WORKERS. NOTABLY ABSENT FROM LIST OF UNIONS INVITED ARE ISRAEL'S HISTADRUT AND TUNISIA'S UGTT. THE SPANISH UGT HAS DECLINED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU) WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, HISTADRUT AND ICFTU SOURCES SAY. IN THEIR VIEW, THE MEETING FITS INTO THE WFTU STRATEGY OF CHIPPING AWAY AT THE UNITY OF NON-COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL LABOR STRUCTURES.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EUROPEAN METALWORKERS FEDERATION (EMF) HEADQUARTERS HERE DECLINED A BELATED INVITATION TO ATTEND, WITHOUT TAKING ANY POSITION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS AFFILIATES, BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS WITH GUNTER KOPKE, EMF GENERAL SECRETARY, WHO IS AWAY ON LEAVE MORRIS

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